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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6521**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1071

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 29, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 28, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Funding for Voting Machine Replacement.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Grubb

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. C. Lawson

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) *Reimbursement of Certain Counties*- The bill provides for the reimbursement of a county that has purchased or will purchase a new voting system to replace a voting system that the county cannot use because the county is unable to obtain technical or other operating support for its current voting system, if the purchase is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The bill requires that any HAVA money received after December 31, 2007 must be allocated to reimburse Boone, Cass, Parke, and Randolph counties and any other county that has purchased or will purchase a new voting system to replace a voting system that the county cannot use because the county is unable to obtain technical or other operating support for its current voting system.

*Petition by Secretary of State*- The bill requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to petition the Federal Election Assistance Commission for authority to use HAVA money to reimburse counties as described above.

*Appropriation*- The bill appropriates \$125,000 from the state General Fund to match any HAVA money received by the state after December 31, 2007.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Reimbursement of Certain Counties*- Any increase in state expenditures under this provision would depend on approvals by the Budget Agency and Budget Committee for reimbursement from HAVA funds. Any amount received from the Federal government for HAVA after December 31, 2007, would be used for reimbursement to eligible counties under the bill and would depend on the availability of HAVA funds in the future.

(Revised) *Appropriation*- The bill would increase expenditures from the state General Fund by \$125,000. The Election Administration Fund would receive the \$125,000. The appropriation would cover the time period beginning July 1, 2008, and expiring after June 30, 2011.

*Background*- Boone, Cass, Parke, and Randolph Counties have purchased voting systems with their original allotment of HAVA funds. These four counties purchased voting systems from a vendor that is no longer able to provide technical support. Cass County has about \$73,000 remaining in their HAVA voting system replacement allotment. Boone County may be able to qualify for a portion of a \$2 M allotment from the Federal government for counties that purchased a voting system between 1998 and 2001 (prior to HAVA, Boone purchased a voting system in 1999, before their purchase of their current voting system). Parke and Randolph have expended their entire HAVA disbursement.

About \$5.1 M remained in Sec. 101 HAVA voting system replacement funds as of October 31, 2007. All \$5.1 M has been obligated to other counties for their initial purchase of voting systems.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Counties eligible under the provisions of the bill could receive additional HAVA funds to replace election equipment. The total amount awarded will depend on the number of approved counties and the future availability of HAVA funds.

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Election Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties.

**Information Sources:** Joe McLain, Indiana Secretary of State's Office; Indiana Auditor of State.

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